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**PODIATRIST DOUGLAS F. REYNOLDS
AND ACADIA FOOT & ANKLE
SETTLE FEDERAL HEALTH CARE BILLING ISSUES**

Portland, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby today announced a civil settlement with **Dr. Douglas F. Reynolds** and his business **Acadia Foot & Ankle**, of Bangor, Maine.

The settlement involved improper billings for podiatry services to the Medicare program. As part of the settlement, Dr. Reynolds and Acadia Foot & Ankle paid a total of \$52,555.90 in full satisfaction of any outstanding claims.

The government alleged that in 2001 and 2002, Dr. Reynolds and Acadia knowingly submitted false claims to Medicaid when they billed for a podiatry service known as “debridement,” which under Medicare definitions, involves removal of the diseased part of a toenail. The government alleged that the Medicare bills were false because the service was actually performed by an assistant with no formal training or certification who, at best, could perform routine foot care, not a “debridement.”

The settlement ends an investigation that was conducted by the Office of Inspector General, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, and the U.S. Attorney’s Office.

U.S. Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by all of those involved.

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